action in respect of each State and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

(d) Total number of persons killed by naxalites in the country during 1999 and 2000, as per available information, is as under:—

State	1999	2000 (upto March)
Andhra Pradesh	151	40
Bihar	378	80
Madhya Pradesh	47	28
Maharashtra	15	2
Orissa	—	1

Central Forces to combat naxalism

3442. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS pleased to state;

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to send Central para-military forces in those States and areas which are affected by naxalites activities;

(b) if so, whether the State police forces are not equipped with sophisticated arms etc., to counter naxalites attacks; and

(c) to what extent the Central forces would eliminate the activities of naxalites throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Central Para Military Forces are made available to assist the State Governments to maintain public order. Depending upon the overall security scenario and availability of these forces, Central Para Military Forces have been deployed in various States including some of the naxalite affected States. The Central Para Military Forces supplement the resources of the State Police to deal with various Internal security situations including naxalite activities. The law enforcing agencies of the State concerned are making all out efforts to eliminate such activities and the Central Government is assisting them in upgrading their striking capability.

Resolution adopted on NE at Shillong

3443. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the resolutions taken in the two-day conference of Governors and

Chief Ministers of the North-East States and Sikkim during the month of January, 2000 at Shillong;

(b) the steps taken up by Government to fulfil the resolutions; and

(c) the break-up of the PM's package for the North-East States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) After listening to the points made by the Governors and Chief Ministers, the Prime Minsiter announced, on 22.1.2000, a Rs. 10,271 crore Agenda for Socio-Economic Development in the North-East and Sikkim. A copy of the Agenda is enclosed as statement (*see* below).

The Ministries/Departments of the Government of India have worked out detailed action plans, with monitorable milestones, to initiate and complete action on various programmes/schemes.

STATEMENT

Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's
Rs. 10,271-cr Agenda for
Socio-Economic Development in the North-East & Sikkim

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Shillong, January 22, 2000

After listening to the points made by Governors and Chief Ministers of the North-East States and Sikkim, the Prime Minister has decided upon the following initiatives for the social and economic development of the North-East region and Sikkim:

1. BANKING:

(a) A sum of Rs. 500 crores will be provided for rural infrastructure development every year from the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

(b) Banking facilities will be provided at all border trading points within one year.

(c) A sum of at least Rs. 50 crores will be disbursed per annum by North-East Development and Finance Corporation (NEDFC).

2. COMMERCE:

(a) An Export Development Fund (EDF) for the North-East region will be set-up with an initial corpus of Rs. 5 crores. The Ministry of Commerce will work out the modalities for operation of this fund.

(b) The border townships of Morch (Manipur), Zokhawther (Mizoram), Dawki (Meghalaya) and Sutcrkhandi (Assam) will be developed over the next 2 years at a cost of Rs. 20 crores.

3. BORDER TRADE:

An Empowered Committee will be set up to process the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Task Force on Border Trade.

4. HEALTH:

North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Scicnees in Shillong will be upgraded and made a national institute. The upgraded institute will offer studies in 8 medical super specialities, 5 surgical super specialities and 10 non-clinical specialities. The institute shall have a 500-bed referral hospital. A sum of Rs. 422.60 crores will be spent on upgrading these facilities.

5. EDUCAITON:

(a) A Central University will be set up in Mizoram. The Bill for this purpose has been passed by the Rajya Sabha and will be taken up by the Lok Sabha soon. A sum of Rs. 25 crores will be spent for development of infrastructure for this new university which meets a long-standing demand of the people of Mizoram.

(b) Government has decided to double the number of Industrial Training Institutes for imparting training in new trades over the next 3 years. This will involve an outlay of Rs. 100 crores.

6. SECURITY RELATED EXPENDITURE:

The Union Government will further expand the list of items of expenditure incurred by the police, eligible for reimbursement, which would include 50% of POL (petrol, oil and lubricants) costs, village guards, village defence committees and home guards (subject to guidelines). The SRE reimbursement facility will be extended to Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. The Modernisation of Police Force Scheme (in kind) will be extended to Sikkim. The total additional reimbursement would be Rs. 40 crores per annum.

7. PEACE BONUS FOR MIZORAM:

Mizoram is the most peaceful State in the North-East today. With a

view to encourage the people of Mizoram who have opted for peaceful economic development, Government has accepted the recommendation of the Committee set up by the Finance Ministry and allotted Rs. 180 crores to Mizoram to tide over its financial problems. Government will also release Rs. 50 crores every year from the non lapsable pool and resources for 5 years for specific infrastructure development projects in Mizoram.

8. NEW INDIA RESERVE BATALLION (IRB):

Government will also sanction 3 India Reserve Batallions — One each for Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur. With an estimated expenditure of Rs. 15 crores every year for 3 years, the setting up of these 3 IRBs will cost Rs. 45 crores.

9. BORDER FENCING AND BORER ROADS:

It has been decided to fence the remaining portion of Indo-Bangladesh border and construct border roads with a total outlay of Rs. 1,335 crores. The work on this would commence in April 2000.

10. CENTRAL NON-LAPSABLE POOL OF RESOURCES:

The Government has streamlined the procedure for selection of projects which are to be funded out of the Central non-lapsable pool of resources, It is expected that projects worth Rs. 500 crores will be sanctioned annually to build up infrastructure and take up other economic development projects.

11. POWER:

The Government has accorded approval to 2 hydro-electric projects in the Central Sector:

(a) Loktak Downstream (90 MW) in Manipur at the cost of Rs. 578 crores.

(b) Teesta V (510 MW) in Sikkim at the cost of Rs. 2,200 crores.

Action has been initiated to ensure that Subansiri Lower Side (660MW) project in Arunachal Pradesh Commences in 2001. This will require investment of Rs. 3,000 crores.

Ministry of Power has prepared a new scheme for rural electrification of 500 tribal villages to be funded by Rural Electrification Corporation. The scheme will cost Rs. 30 crores.

Assistance will be provided for completing the onging critical transmission/sub-critical transmission systems at a cost of Rs. 239.92 crores.

12. CIVIL AVIATION POLICY:

In order to provide inexpensive air travel in this region, Government has decided:

(a) Aviation Turbine Fuel will be provided to small aircrafts at international prices.

(b) Aviation Turbine Fuel for small aircrafts will be treated as a "declared good"—i.e. it will attract a sales tax of not more than 4%.

(c) There will be no IATT for routes operated in the North East.

13. ROADS SECTOR:

(a) Government will soon sanction 8 road/bride projects under NEC with a total outlay of Rs. 258.24 crore.

(c) Twelve new National Highways/extension of existing highways have been declared, covering a total length of 1,962 km. A sum of Rs. 100 crores will be earmarked for the development of these highways.

14. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

To promote Information Technology and its application, an ambitious programme has been drawn up to establish computer information centres in all 446 blocks in the 7 North-East States. Another 40 such centres will be set-up in Sikkim. This project will be implemented in the next 2 years at a cost of Rs. 100 crores.

15. EXCISE CONCESSION:

Excise concession in the New Industrial Policy shall be made applicable to the Numaligarh Refinery in Assam. This would involve an annual concession of around Rs. 200 crores.

16. FLOOD CONTROL:

(a) The Government has decided to reform the Brahmaputra Board to

make its functioning more effective for implementation of flood management schemes.

17. HORTICULTURE:

A Technology Mission for horticulture will be sanctioned during the current financial year. The total outlay for this mission is Rs. 262.50 crores over the next three years.

18. DEVELOPMENT OF BODO AREAS:

The special programme scheme for development of insfrastructure and other facilities in the Bodo Autonomous Council Areas will be sanctioned with a total outlay of Rs. 30 crores per annum for 3 years.

Reimbursement of Security related expenditure

3444. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount so far submitted by the State Government of North East Region to reimburse the security related expenditures, State-wise;

(b) the amount so far reimbursed and released to the States, State-wise; and

(c) whether there is any restriction to release the fund of security related reimbursement of expenditure in connection with a report of CBI on a Head of Department of Security in Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The amount claimed by the North Eastern State Government for reimbursement of security related expenditure is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

1990—95	For 1995-98	For 1998-99	For
Assam	343.21	245.18	105.70
Nagaland	—	124.55	11.94
Manipur	—	38.64	82.59
Tripura	—	44.52	20.98

The eligible amount released to the North Eastern States as per the